



THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
HELD IN ROOM 374-A OF KENNETH HAHN HALL OF  
ADMINISTRATION, 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

**MEMBERS**

Janet A. Neal  
**President**

John B. Troost  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Wan Chun Chang  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Alexia Teran  
**Treasurer**

Michael G. Gureckas  
John R. James  
Maria Mustelier-Parrish  
Harley D. Rubenstein  
Kecia B. Weller  
Wendy L. Welt  
Sheila D. Wright

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:18 p.m.

Present: President Neal, Commissioner Troost, Commissioner Chang, Commissioner Teran, Commissioner James, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Rubenstein and Commissioner Wright

Absent: Commissioner Welt

Excuse Absent: Commissioner Weller and Commissioner Gureckas

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2009**

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner James, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Troost, Commissioner Chang, Commissioner James and Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish; Absent: Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Teran, Commissioner Weller, Commissioner Welt and Commissioner Wright; Abstain: Commissioner Rubenstein approved the Minutes of the December 16, 2009.

Commissioner Teran and Commissioner Wright joined the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

President Neal took a brief moment to respond to concerns regarding the Public Comment portion of the meeting. All present were advised the Commission will no longer hear issues not directly related to the Commission. Rhonda Rangel added the language noted on this agenda is taken directly from the Board of Supervisors.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Neal reported there will be a City Council Committee meeting to be held February 23, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., regarding the consolidation of the Department of Disability. The Commission was advised to please try and attend this very important meeting. Once reviewed by the City Committee it will go back for final consideration before the full City Council. She will provide additional information at a later date.

Medi-Cal cuts have hurt many people. President Neal requested the Commission use their influence to write letters addressing the Commission's concerns to the Governor and their elected officials.

Lastly, the KTYM Radio Show for next month will be captioned. President Neal will fund this portion of the show.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Later in the meeting, Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Rhonda Rangel reported room locations within the Hall of Administration are limited. Commission staff reserves room 140 for the whole of each year. However, the office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector has the ability to change any and all room reservations at their discretion. Staff is diligent with coordinating meetings and ask the Commission for its patience when instances of room change occur.

In an effort to assist the public with the wildfire and potential storm impacts, a multi-public outreach program called CARE (Coordinated Agency Recovery Effort) was developed. Ms. Rangel distributed a flyer with additional information.

**PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR,  
GALINDO IBARRA, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
VEHICLES ON DISABLED PLACARDS AND REPORTING  
PLACARD FRAUD**

Investigator Ibarra presented the duties and roles of the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding disabled placards and how to report placard fraud. Additional information packets were distributed for the use of the Commission and members of the public.

Investigator Ibarra and Sergeant Jessie Dyar, Sergeant Kimmi Porter with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Parking Enforcement answered questions posed by the Commission.

Kurt Hagen, Access Services Inc. clarified the disabled signage of "Van Accessible". The signage is meant to show the parking space can be accessible to those wide disabled vans. Usage of parking space does not limit anyone with a disabled placard to park in the same space. It is strictly a first come, first serve basis.

Later in the meeting, Investigator Ibarra was requested to provide additional Fast Fact flyers for public dissemination during future Commission meetings.

**PRESENTATION BY JESSE PADILLA, EASTERN LOS  
ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER**

Mr. Padilla presented and provided a package of services his agency gives to assist those with disabilities to acquire the knowledge and resources to navigate through the workforce.

Magda Carrero, East Los Angeles Regional Center also addressed the Commission.

Mr. Padilla responded to questions posed by the Commission and was invited to speak to the Commission on his progress from working with the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Executive Committee**

Chair Neal reported the Executive Workshop has been rescheduled. There has not been a determination of the future date. Staff will again poll each Committee member for their availability.

#### **B. Events Committee and Community Service**

Chair Neal reported the Committee has not met and will meet after the Executive Workshop.

President Neal noted the Scholarship Committee will need to start contacting the appropriate schools to make them aware of the scholarships available for students with disabilities. Additionally, she requested there be a Treasurer's report submitted within the next two Commission meetings to determine the amount to be allocated for this year's scholarship recipients.

At the suggestion of Commissioner Wright, seconded by President Neal, the Scholarship Committee was directed to work with Mr. Padilla of the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center for valuable information the Commission can use in the scholarship application process.

#### **C. Transportation Committee**

Kurt Hagen and Giovanna Gogreve presented a written and verbal report of the Access Services Inc., Board of Directors meeting held Tuesday, January 19, 2010 and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

During discussion, Commissioner Wright requested Access Services provide quarterly status reports on the usage of those 12 replacement vehicles purchased with Proposition C funds. It was also requested that Access Services provide a report of the rider-ship and rider-ship transfers for the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys.

Staff was requested to invite the Independent Living Centers to speak before the Commission in an effort to create a coalition of entities and find ways to expand services by Access Services within the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys.

After further discussion, the report was received and filed.

**D. LA County Transportation Authority (Metro) Report**

No reportable action was taken.

**REPORT BY ADA COUNTY COMPLIANCE OFFICE**

Gordon Anthony of Affirmative Action's ADA Compliance Program was unavailable. No report was submitted.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE AGENDA**

- Request presentation from Independent Living Center to revisit additional services within the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys
- Housing Authority (Section 8 and Budget Cuts)
- Need follow-up development of the Martin Luther King, Jr facility

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Neal, in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encouraged everyone to join in the effort of volunteerism. Anyone interested in making donations for the people in Haiti please see her.

On motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner Rubenstein, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

**ATTENDEES ONLY - DID NOT ADDRESS COMMISSION**

Albert Thompson